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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week **ending Sunday, October 18, 2009**. The lack of dry weather has some producers concerned about harvesting hay. Forage preparation and planting activities have been delayed due to the excess rainfall. With saturated field conditions in many areas of the state, several producers still have not been able to resume harvesting activities. The sunshine was a welcomed sight, but much more is needed. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 8 percent adequate and 91 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 10/18/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	89	86	99	100
Cotton, open bolls	94	91	98	99
Cotton, harvested	3	2	54	75
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	98	97	100	99
Peanuts, harvested	2	2	61	--
Rice, harvested	60	49	91	97
Sorghum, harvested	64	60	88	98
Soybeans, turning color	100	97	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	91	81	97	99
Soybeans, harvested	49	43	84	93
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	29	26	80	80
Winter Wheat, planted	2	1	12	14
Winter Wheat, emerged	0	0	4	6

Crop condition for week ending 10/18/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	12	20	36	30	2
Cotton	21	26	36	17	0
Pasture	6	10	36	44	4
Peanuts	0	25	32	43	0
Rice	6	12	46	36	0
Sorghum	5	24	54	17	0
Soybeans	21	25	32	20	2
Sweet Potatoes	22	43	25	10	0

Comments

“The damage done by the combined effects of this year's weather extremes, the most recent two months of almost daily rain, and the lowland flooding are in a word ‘unprecedented.’”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Just more of the same...still too wet to harvest and more rain is in the forecast. Row crops and forages for hay continue to decrease in quality as time goes on.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Seventy-five percent of the sweet potato crop is lost. Soybean and cotton quality will be determined in next few days. The sunshine is a few weeks too late.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Drier weather should allow for farming activities to resume. Late summer hay & soybeans are still to be harvested and ryegrass still has to be planted.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

“Heavy rains have caused problems for hay harvest and last night we had a freeze. Production will be challenging this winter as weather conditions have made forage preparations almost impossible.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Producers still trying to harvest hay and plant winter forages!!! Both have been delayed by unrelenting rains!!!”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“We need some dry weather that lasts long enough to cut and bale the end of the hay.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

“Rains have stopped and growers are harvesting. It is muddy, but combines are in the field. Cotton pickers should start today.”

— Don Respess, Coahoma

“Some rice may get harvested this week, but all other crops are very questionable. The damage from the extensive rainfall ranges from severe to horrible, and no winter wheat has been planted.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Producers had a couple of days to harvest corn and soybeans in the hill areas of the county. We received some frost over the weekend.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Got another 4.9 inches of rain this week. What else can you say!”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Hopefully more dry weather will continue this week and allow our farmers to stay in the field. Harvest conditions are still extremely wet and muddy. Quality has been greatly reduced on corn and soybeans alike.”

— Patrick Poindexter Alcorn

“Rain, Rain, Rain. Producers are waiting to plant cool season grasses and clovers. The last hay cutting is in serious doubt. Hay may be short in some areas. Pasture growth has stalled due to soggy soils. Herd health issues could increase with the current environmental conditions.”

— Mike Howell Lee

“Fieldwork is still delayed by rainfall.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“As of Sunday, October 18, combines were back in the fields harvesting rice, corn and soybeans. Cotton pickers should be in the fields Monday. The condition of the soybean crop is very depressing; many fields will not be worth harvesting. For cotton, estimates are for half of a crop. Much of the rice that remains in the fields is lying down.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“The forecast calls for several days of sunshine next week. We need several weeks of sunshine and good, drying weather to complete this harvest. Lower ends of soybean and cotton fields are experiencing 50 to 100 percent loss resulting from weeks of rain.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/18/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	69	44	58	64	-6	2.71	2.07	4	7.50				
Cleveland 3N				64		5.79	5.30	3	12.64				
Lambert 1W	69	50	62			3.20	2.56	3	7.51				
Tunica 2N	68	49	59	63	-4	1.75	1.03	4	6.17				
Extreme/Average	69	44	60	64	-4	2.55	1.87	4	0.00				
North-Central													
Batesville 2SW	69	43	60	62	-2	2.68	1.95	5	6.33				
Calhoun City	72	43	61	63	-2	4.32	3.69	4	12.48				
Hickory Flat	70	48	61	61		2.36	1.66	5	10.37				
Holly Springs 4N	68	48	61	60	1	1.62	0.81	5	7.72				
Independence	67	49	61	61		1.87	1.24	5	6.55				
Oxford	72	33	58	61	-3	2.73	1.90	5	11.01				
Water Valley	72	35	60	62	-2	3.45	2.68	3	9.43				
Extreme/Average	72	33	60	62	-2	2.72	2.00	5	9.08				
Northeast													
Booneville	69	49	62	61	1	2.62	1.92	5	11.39				
Corinth 7SW	67	41	58	63	-5	2.21	1.53	4	11.21				
Tupelo 2	72	50	62			4.48	0.00	5	10.97				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	72	36	57	63	-6	4.34	3.64	5	11.42				
Verona	73	50	63	62	1	4.10	3.47	4	11.85				
Extreme/Average	73	36	60	62	-2	3.55	2.85	5	11.36				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	75	39	62	65	-3	4.61	3.78	5	14.72				
Moorhead	72	47	62	66	-4	5.21	4.51	5	10.83				
Rolling Fork	80	45	65	65	0	6.72	5.85	4	13.45				
Yazoo City 5NNE	79	51	67	66	1	7.12	6.19	4	14.10				
Extreme/Average	80	39	64	65	-1	5.92	5.13	5	12.14				
Central													
Canton 4N	80	36	62	64	-2	4.01	3.28	3	12.07				
Eupora 2E	80	44	66	62	4	2.23	1.46	2	9.36				
Forest 3S	77	34	60	64	-4	3.40	2.60	3	7.77				
Kosciusko	75	38	62	64	-2	5.25	4.47	4	15.43				
Lexington 2NNW				64		4.82	4.06	3	11.93				
Winona 5E	70	37	57	60	-3	5.20	4.50	4	11.42				
Extreme/Average	80	34	60	64	-4	4.47	3.70	4	11.76				
East-Central													
Aberdeen				62		5.38	4.56	4	11.28				
Columbus	77	36	60	64	-4	3.66	2.99	3	7.68				
Macon	79	38	61	63	-2	3.44	2.81	5	11.07				
State University	76	41	60	63	-3	5.12	4.42	4	13.60				
Extreme/Average	79	36	60	63	-3	4.40	3.70	4	11.98				
Southwest													
Brookhaven	77	39	65	65	0	4.43	3.73	5	8.36				
Crystal SPRG Exp	77	60	68	66	2	4.17	3.47	5	10.70				
Natchez	85	36	65	67	-2	1.91	1.06	5	6.32				
Oakley Exp Stn	81	48	66	64	2	2.50	1.76	3	9.15				
Port Gibson 1NE	80	45	65	63	2	6.86	6.09	5	11.83				
Vicksburg	80	38	63			3.94	0.00	5	11.86				
Extreme/Average	85	36	65	66	-1	3.97	3.20	5	9.09				
South-Central													
Collins	79	44	66	65	1	1.25	0.48	2	4.30				
Columbia	90	46	70	66	4	4.72	4.00	5	8.74				
Monticello	82	43	66	65	1	3.89	3.12	5	9.62				
Raleigh 6N	77	35	63			3.08	0.00	4	8.56				
Tylertown 5ESE	86	45	69	67	2	4.69	3.85	4	10.09				
Extreme/Average	90	35	67	66	1	3.53	2.77	4	7.81				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	86	57	70	67	3	2.79	2.05	5	5.91				
Laurel	80	46	66	65	1	1.81	1.11	3	5.15				
Newton Exp				63		1.95	1.22	3	7.19				
Waynesboro 2W	85	61	73	64	9	1.47	0.91	4	6.92				
Extreme/Average	86	46	69	65	4	2.02	1.34	4	5.99				
Coastal													
Biloxi	85	58	76	69	7	1.36	0.71	4	5.99				
Wiggins	88	47	70	67	3	3.21	2.70	4	6.14				
Extreme/Average	88	47	73	68	5	2.29	1.66	4	5.99				
State	90	33	64	64		3.59	2.87	4	9.48				

DFN = Departure from Normal.